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Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials - members of the International Court of Justice

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1. In its eleventh report on the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991, 1/ the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions recommended, inter alia, that the Secretary-General submit to it, at its spring session in 1991, his proposals regarding the appropriate floor/ceiling exchange rates to be applied to the salaries of the members of the International Court of Justice as a measure of protection against currency fluctuations.

2. Under a system adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 43/217 of 21 December 1988, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee contained in its seventh report on the programme budget for the biennium 1988-1989, 2/ the salaries of the members of the International Court of Justice are protected in local currency terms in the event of the weakening (strengthening) of the dollar below (above) a certain exchange rate. In the light of the revised emoluments payable to the members of the Court as from 1 January 1991, it was necessary to establish revised floor/ceiling rates to apply with effect from that date.

3. The Secretary-General has proposed that revised floor and ceiling exchange rates of 1.77 and 1.91 Netherlands guilders to the United States dollar be established for the emoluments of the members of the Court; this has been arrived at by applying the previous formula of 4 per cent below and 4 per cent above the average 1990 exchange rate. The average exchange rate in 1990 was 1.84 guilders to the dollar and would yield revised floor and ceiling exchange rates of 1.77 and 1.91 guilders. The floor exchange rate of 1.77 guilders to the dollar would result in a revised currency floor of 21,387 guilders per month and the ceiling exchange rate of 1.91 guilders to the dollar would result in a revised currency ceiling of 23,079 guilders per month. The Advisory Committee agrees to the Secretary-General's proposal.

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4. In its resolution 45/250 B of 21 December 1990, the General Assembly concurred with the recommendation of the Advisory Committee, as contained in paragraph 15 of its eleventh report on the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991, concerning the consequential changes in the Pensions Scheme Regulations for members of the International Court of Justice. In that paragraph, the Secretary-General was requested to report the consequential changes to the Advisory Committee "which could authorize their provisional application until the next session of the General Assembly". Pursuant to the request of the Advisory Committee, the Secretary-General has reported the consequential changes in the Pension Scheme Regulations for the members of the Court, as follows:

Proposed amendments to the Pension Scheme Regulations for members of the International Court of Justice

Article I

Retirement pension

1. In paragraph 2 (a), for one half of the annual salary read 50,000 United States dollars.

2. In paragraph 2 (b):

(a) For 1/300 of the amount payable under paragraph 2 (a) read 250 dollars;

(b) For two-thirds of his annual salary read 75,000 dollars.

3. In paragraph 2 (c), for one half of the annual salary read the annual pension.

Article II

Disability pension

In paragraph 2, for one quarter of the annual salary read one half of the annual pension.

Article III

Widow's pension

1. In paragraphs 1 and 2, for one sixth of the annual salary read one third of the annual pension.

2. In paragraphs 3 (a) and (b), for one twelfth of the annual salary read one sixth of the annual pension.

3. In paragraph 3 (c), for one sixth of the annual salary read one third of the annual pension.

Article IV

Child's benefit

In paragraph 1 (a), for one thirty-sixth of the annual base salary read one eighteenth of the annual pension.

Article VII

Application and effective date

In paragraph 1, for 1 January 1984 read 1 January 1991.

The Advisory Committee has concurred in the provisional application of these changes.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/45/7 and Add.1-14), document A/45/7/Add.10.

2/ Ibid., Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/43/7 and Add.1-13), document A/43/7/Add.6.